

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Cowpens Middle School
Spartanburg School District 3
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 508
Principal: Cynthia D. James
Superintendent: Dr. James O. Ray
Board Chair: Mr. Eddie Dearybury

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2011	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

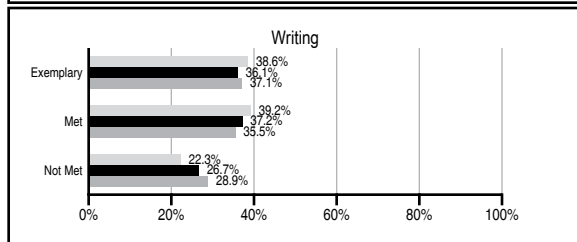
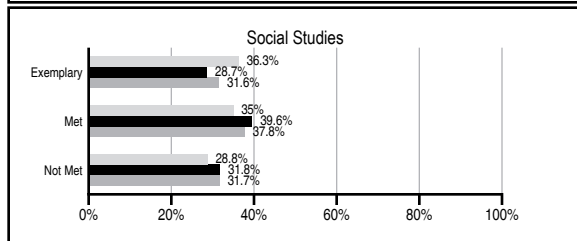
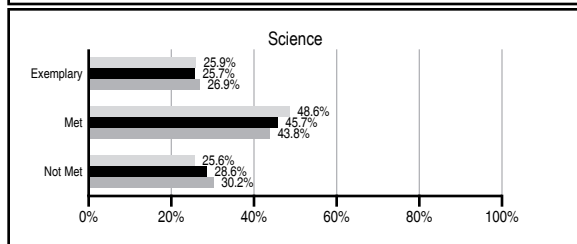
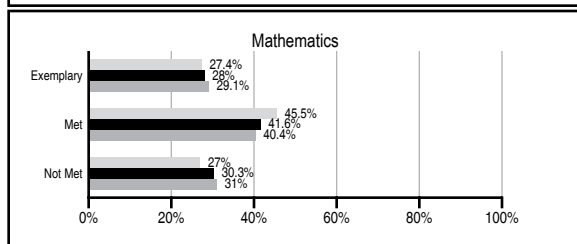
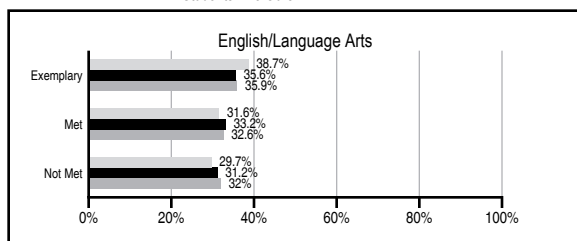
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	15	43	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	45	32	22	1
Nation	38	33	28	1
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.8	96.7
English 1	N/A	97.6
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.8	96.8

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=508)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.7%	Down from 16.0%	24.1%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.0%	0.8%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.9%	95.8%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=30)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.3%	Up from 56.7%	61.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	87.2%	Up from 86.4%	87.3%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 94.0%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,479	Up 3.7%	\$46,550	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	Up from 0.9%	0.7%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.9 days	Down from 15.6 days	9.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.7 to 1	Up from 22.0 to 1	22.4 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 86.4%	89.9%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.1%	Down from 99.3%	98.7%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,390	Down 3.3%	\$7,039	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.5%	Down from 59.1%	63.9%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.1%	Up from 55.4%	62.2%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	83.4	N/A	85.4	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	136	68
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.2%	84.4%	79.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.7%	82.2%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.3%	85.3%	78.8%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"Expect Their Best" was the motto for Cowpens Middle School in 2011-2012. We were excited to experience another year of continued academic growth and achievement. Focusing on student success as our primary goal, the faculty, staff, and administration made every effort to provide assistance to all students to make college enrollment a reality.

Providing students with Enrichment and Red Raider Reading classes daily were two avenues to academic success. Students were also given the opportunity to attend extended day classes twice a week. Teachers worked on presenting students with assessments which were rigorous and standards-based. Formative and summative assessment design was a major focus for faculty as they continued to work on the middle level curriculum.

Joining hundreds of other schools worldwide, CMS implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Teachers successfully incorporated this international, researched program into our character education program. Through weekly class meetings and HERO recognition, CMS is much closer to being 'Bully Free.'

CMS students continue to show excellence in all areas. Nine 8th grade students were honored as Junior Scholars, one 7th grade student was recognized as Duke Tip Scholar; and two of our 8th grade students were accepted to the Scholar's Academy for the 2012-13 school year. Our drama and music atlas students presented "Aladdin" in the District Three Community Auditorium.

The Veteran's Day program, student registration presentation, and school website received communications awards from the South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association. Other areas that deserve special recognition were the generosity and caring of our student body. Students continued to raise money for Relay for Life, provide student care packages, and cleaned up a local cemetery.

The middle school years are full of excitement and change, with this year being no exception. As we continue to "Expect Their Best," Cowpens Middle School embraces "A Revolutionary Past" and looks forward to "An Extraordinary Future."

Cynthia D. James, Principal Becki Spencer, School Improvement Chairperson

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